

the petitioner could not obtain a title to the lands agreeable to his expectation, and has paid a considerable part of the composition money for the improvements which were on the lands, which the petitioner expected to have secured, it is more consistent with the dignity of the state to refund the money he has received, than to pay the petitioner in the usual way in common warrant; and for this purpose beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Samuel P. Wallace, of Cecil county, the sum of twenty-six pounds five shillings and six-pence current money, being the sum deposited by him in the treasury, composition money for a tract of land called Minor's Lot, which by a decree of the judge of the land-office appears to have been located on an elder survey.

All which is submitted, By order, S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorize the levy court of Somerset county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the purpose therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Dalzell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Jemima Thompson, of Montgomery county, praying a sum of money may be levied on the said county for her support, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. R. Magruder, Mr. Brogden and Mr. Bennett, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to cure the possessions and property of certain foreigners who have settled within this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to encourage the destruction of wolves in Baltimore county, and the bill to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable from the port of Chester, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 27, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, November 29, 1797: Read the second time and will pass. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By order,

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, endorsed, "By the senate, November 28, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, November 29, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By order,

Amendment proposed. Strike out the last clause of the bill.

Which was read.

The bill to prevent the going at large of swine within five miles of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill authorizing the justices of the levy court in Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money for the building a prison in said county, be committed for amendment.

A petition from Allen Bowie, of Montgomery county, praying to be released from the payment of the valuation of the improvements on part of a tract of land called War Park, lying in Prince-George's county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. Goldborough and Mr. Robins, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to increase the allowance of witnesses summoned to attend on land commissions, be committed for amendment.

A memorial from William M. Comas, counter to the petition of Corbin Onion, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to preserve the navigation of Hunting creek. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldborough, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Craig, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the bill to increase the allowance of witnesses summoned to attend on land commissions, as amended; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 30, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Worthington has leave of absence till Monday next.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Whittington, of Worcester county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to increase the allowance of witnesses summoned to attend on land commissions in Frederick county, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The speaker laid before the house a representation from the commissioners of the tax of Baltimore county, praying a mode may be adopted to collect the taxes on lands whereon no distress can be had which was read, and referred to Mr. Merryman, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Smith, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of the justices of the levy court of Cecil county was read the second time concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Walker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Matthews, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same. Mr. Robins